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: Examiner A. J. Rudy
Reza Arbab et al. : Intellectual Property
Serial No: 09/899,615 : Law Department - 4054
Filed: 07/05/2001 : International Business
Title: A UNIVERSAL WORLD : Machines Corporation
WIDE WEB USER SHOPPING CART : 11400 Burnet Road
TRANSFERABLE WITH ITS LOAD : Austin, Texas 78758

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

The Request for Restriction by the Patent Office mailed March 11, 2004 is respectfully traversed. The sets of eight

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claims each in Categories I, II, and III are identical in scope and content with each other except Set I is drawn to a system of buying products on the Web, Set II is drawn to a method of buying products on the Web, and Set III is drawn to a computer program for buying products on the Web.

Because of the identical content and scope of the three sets of claims, the Examiner's argument is not understood. The Examiner can not argue that the method claims can be practiced by hand since the claims set forth that the contents are displayed at a display station.

It has been customary for the U. S. Patent Office to permit the combining of system, method, and computer program claims of the same content and scope in one patent application.

However, as required despite this traversal, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute group II, claims 9-16, and to retain all of the other claims for subsequent prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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